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TAGS: CASC, CGEN, GY, US
SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MISSION IMMIGRANTS TO GUYANA
1. CONSUL WAS CALLED THIS AFTERNOON BY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR JOSEPH MAZOR, TELEPHONE NO. AREA CODE 415-776-7232. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN RETAINED BY PARENTS OF CHILDREN BROUGHT TO GUYANA BY PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. HE INDICATED HE HAD POWER OF ATTORNEY AND COURT ORDERS ISSUED BY STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND WAS COMING TO GUYANA TO TAKE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN FROM PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND RETURN THEM TO THEIR PARENTS. MAZOR HAD COURT ORDERS TO RETURN THE CHILDREN WHO ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE TO EIGHTEEN. THE CHILDREN ARE MARK SLY, VINCENT LOPEZ, [redacted] AND BROTHER [redacted] AND THREE [redacted] CHILDREN NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. E B6 E B6 E B6
2. MAZOR FURTHER CLAIMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE SEVEN CHILDREN THERE WILL BE COURT ORDERS ISSUED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR ANOTHER TWENTY CHILDREN WHO HAD APPARENTLY BEEN BROUGHT TO GUYANA BY PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHOSE PARENTS NOW WANTED THEM BACK.
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CONSUL GAVE NAMES OF THREE LOCAL ATTORNEYS TO MAZOR AND EXPLAINED THAT FOR U.S. COURT ORDERS TO BE ACCEPTED IN GUYANA THEY MUST BE APPROVED BY GUYANESE COURTS FOR SERVICE. CONSUL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PARENTS OF AFFECTED CHILDREN SHOULD CONTACT THE GUYANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO PRESS THEIR COMPLAINTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY CONFUSION ON THE LOCAL SCENE CONCERNING LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP. MAZOR ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF WARRANTS FOR THE ARREST OF THREE HIGHLY PLACED PERSONS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH FRAUD AND FORGERY. FURTHER THAT THE COURT WOULD BE SUBMITTING REQUESTS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA FOR EXTRADITION.
3. MAZOR STATED HE WILL BE CONTACTING OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES AND ARA/CAR GUYANESE DESK OFFICER TUMMINIA CONCERNING THIS PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT

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SHOULD BE AWARE THAT GUYANESE AUTHORITIES HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY ABOUT RECENT INFLUX OF AMERICANS UNDER AUSPICES PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MISSION. HOWEVER, TO DATE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM ANY KNOWLEDTE OF ANY IMMIGRANTS BEING BROUGHT INTO GUYANA UNDER DURESS.
4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT COORDINATE THIS MATTER WITH GUYANESE EMBASSY AND MAZOR AND INFORM POST OF ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS.
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